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FAVORS ROOSEVELT

The Brooklyn Eagle, a strong supporter of Theodore Roosevelt, for president says:

"We have recently witnessed a notable revival of interest in the Hughes boom. If the pendulum which not so long ago swung away from Hughes and toward Roosevelt is now swinging back toward Hughes, the fact is significant but not necessarily decisive. Much will happen between now and the assembling of the republican convention in June. Justice Hughes must either let it be known that he stands ready to obey the call of the party, if it shall demand him, or he must declare his aversion to the highest political distinction in the land as positively as General Sherman declared his when he said: 'I

will not qualify if nominated, and I will not serve if elected.' Neither Justice Hughes nor his friends can expect the convention to 'go it blind.' "Meanwhile Mr. Roosevelt is losing nothing by sitting tight and watching the progress of events. His candidacy will take care of itself. The Eagle is convinced that he would support the nomination of Justice Hughes, if it can be demonstrated that the latter is in a receptive mood. But failing the nomination of Justice Hughes, there will be only one candidate whom Theodore Roosevelt will urge upon the convention, and that candidate is himself. Those who think that he is a beaten man, preparing to efface himself, should think again.

COMMON SENSE TALK

Thomas A. Edison talks with the frankness of a scientist whose views are based on the solid ground of established facts; therefore he is to be regarded as unbiased by adherence to any particular economic or political theory. His independence of thought gives special significance to what he says regarding possibilities of industrial and other development in this country. For instance, discussing the dyestuff situation Mr. Edison made this statement: "We can make dyes here just as well as they can make dyes anywhere else. But the manufacturers need protection. Capital will not go into the manufacture of dyes without some assurance that foreign competition will not be permitted to wipe out the industry when the war is over."

VIEW AS TO THE PRESIDENCY

The views of three republican senators on the presidency were reported in the New York Sun of Wednesday.

One of these, from the East, said he was committed to a favorite son, but expected to see Justice Hughes nominated on the second ballot. Another, of the Middle West, favored Root or Weeks, but "it will be hard to keep the delegates away from Hughes on the second ballot." The third, a Progressive from the Far West said: "The nomination of Justice Hughes is as certain at Chicago as is the nomination of Wilson at St. Louis." Ex-Attorney General Wickersham declared the other day that "the republican party must nominate a man who will unite all factions of the party and who can certainly be elected. I see but one such man, and that is Justice Hughes."

And so it goes, from one end of the country to the other. There are good men, excellent men, who are candidates, but there are many indications at this time that the country has made up its mind. It is not likely that Justice Hughes will open his mouth before the convention, but if the balloting proves the genuineness of the demand for his service he will, no doubt, declare himself in such terms that there can be no question as to his position on public issues, and he will not, cannot, decline the nomination.

Made Quick Shift

The real estate dealer, W. E. Little, last week sold the Alex Thompson house, which he recently purchased to A. R. Gardner and also the W. J. Altenburg house to Mrs. M. Boyer of Lansing. The latter wanted to move into the house at once and Mr. Altenburg not wishing to stand in the way of a sale immediately vacated and moved into a house on Root street, which Mr. Little provided for him.

The air-tight dwelling leads but to the grave?

Obituary—Sarah Ronk

Mrs. Sarah A. Ronk passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Showers of Belding on May 7, aged 70 years, 7 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of Lemuel and Jerusha Kingsbury and was born in Wakarusa, Ohio. Mrs. Ronk met and married Theodore Ronk in 1861 at Clarksfield, Hollow, Ohio. To this union were born thirteen children, eight of whom are living to mourn her loss; also, twenty-two grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Mrs. Ronk was laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery at St. Louis, Mich.

Mrs. Ronk was laid to rest in Oak many years and has lived patiently awaiting for God to call her home, having been an invalid for some time. Her place in our hearts can never be filled, yet our loss is her gain.

Six of the children attended the funeral: Mrs. P. J. Maynard of New York, Fred and Wilbur Ronk of Battle Creek, Miss Ethel Ronk and Mrs. Alvin Showers of Belding; also, Delos Ronk of Belding.

Took Consistory Degree

Elvon C. Lloyd, Dr. G. F. Smith, W. L. Cusser, L. A. Leonard and Clarence Sparks went to Grand Rapids Thursday to attend a meeting of the consistory. Mr. Sparks took the work and became a member of that advanced branch of Masonry, he being one of a class of thirty-one. The work was under the direction of Mark Norris, first lieutenant of Dewitt Clinton consistory.

Beautiful School Grounds

The lawns at the Central school have been greatly improved by the addition of flower beds and shrubbery. Large flower beds have been planted near the entrances, and between the circular walk and building. Following the walk lines on each side are rows of barberry bushes. The work was done by W. D. Pond assisted by G. O. Bignell, janitor.

GEN. AND MRS. YOUNG SERVANTS AT THEIR HOUSEMAIDS PARTY

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Among the guests were Mrs. L. J. Hitz, a resident of the neighborhood for forty years; Mrs. W. G. Aylesworth, Mrs. W. H. Young, Mrs. H. G. Baumgartner, Mrs. Young's daughter, Mrs. H. H. Belding of Riverside, Mrs. George L. Wilson of Oak Park, Mrs. Alice Belding, Mrs. Young's mother, who came from Philadelphia for the party; Mrs. A. W. Tobias, Mrs. J. S. Merrill, Mrs. W. B. Jarvis, Mrs. Chas. A. Pratt, Mrs. Jasper Robertson, Mrs. Charles Church, Mrs. Philip Matzinger, Mrs. William Baker and her two daughters, Mrs. F. M. Baker, and Mrs. John Fredwell.

Congratulate the Youngs
The two servants are both 50 years old, which is also Mrs. Young's age. At the close of the party the guests congratulated Mrs. Young upon the friendship and devotion of the two capable maids.

SCHOOL LIFE

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The new staff which takes charge of the "School Life" this week is as follows:

Editor-in-Chief.—Royal Davis.
Athletic Editor.—Carl Huntley.
Society Editor.—Margaret Cusser.

Reporters:
State Educational.—Elva Wheeler.
High School.—Mary Ravell.
Grammar Dept.—Harry Connell.
Third Ward.—Lynda Kassner.
Second Ward.—Marguerite Foy.
Ellis School.—Dale Klock.
This is the second division of the eleventh grade.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The ten-two English class are studying Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night."

The nine-two English class are studying letter writing.
Agnes Wach, Mable McKiddie and Wells Hall are absent on account of the measles.

Norman Johnson has consented to take Wells Hall's part in the opera. Elmer Shaver, a former student, now with the Detroit News, was a high school visitor Monday forenoon. Some classes have begun their reviews for the finals.

GRAMMAR GRADES.

There are fourteen absent from the seventh grade on account of the measles.

The spelling contest in the seventh grade closed with a tie and each side treated the other at a picnic in the park Friday afternoon.
Gale Mehney's side won in the six-

one spelling contest. New sides have been chosen with Mary Bignell and James Walters as captains.

The Wabasis Campfire Girls went on a five o'clock hike Saturday morning.

The eight-ones are studying "The Great Stone Face."

Erma Shatterdon and Gladys Burns are absent on account of measles.

The Y. M. C. A. met with George Skellenger Monday night.

The eighth grade is planning for a commencement program.

SECOND WARD

The kindergarten children had card sewing this week. They sewed a picture of a bird house.

Gerald Bain has returned to school after a week's absence.

The second grade is reading, "La Drix", and is illustrating the story on the sand table.

THIRD WARD

The three-tuos are learning "Planting a Tree."

The four-ones are learning "The Yellow Violet."

Nora Wood is back in school, after being absent on account of sickness. The four-ones have dramatized the poem, "One, Two, Three."

The third grade is reviewing the Aldine Reader.

Lloyd Sears is back in school after being absent a week.

Otto Brisby has left school.

ELLIS SCHOOL

The kindergarten children are making May bird houses.

Mrs. Will Darling visited the first grade Thursday afternoon.

Donald Darling and Evelyn Harger celebrated their birthdays last week.

Alton Perry, Harold Lind and Beasie Perry are sick with the measles. The following children from Miss Ager's room have not been absent or tardy: LeVere Little, Llewellyn Little, Ross Gardner, James Blanding, Doris McNally, Helen McNally, Kendall Brown, Donald Darling, Paul Nichols, Helen Galdemyster, Doris Jensen.

Jane and Russell Lee moved to Lansing Wednesday.

The manual training boys and girls are weaving rugs.

Mr. Doty visited the fourth grade Monday.

Ellen Hilton has returned to school after an absence of two weeks.

The following children from Miss Kelley's room have not been absent or tardy: Grace Brown, Vern Smith, Otto Walker, Raymond Burns, Stella Bunce, Vera Porter, Lawton Soules, Helen Todd, R. B. VanDenBroeck, Frederick Whitney, Ada Leech, Helen Lind, Lottie Moore, Marian Moore.

STATE EDUCATIONAL

Mio high school cleared \$20 on the play, "Mr. Bob."

Hastings high school gave a Shakespearean program April 28.

A 50-foot steel flag pole has been erected for the Traverse City Central school.

Plans and sketches for \$120,000 high schools at Manistique and Sturgis have been prepared by Robinson & Compau, architects of Grand Rapids.

A school bond of \$32,000 was carried at Iron River by a vote of 111 to 23. The contract for the school building has already been let.

A Junior Audubon Society with 25 members has been organized at District No. 2, Jefferson township, Cass county. A bird day program was given on the second Friday in April.

the rate as we both develop our facilities will increase.

Arthur Waterfall, the last speaker and identified with the Detroit chamber of commerce, emphasized the things said by Mr. Patriarche. He said while we probably needed a new depot and other things here, the city of Detroit needed many things, too. He then gave many concrete illustrations of the congested condition of Detroit's transportation facilities. He pointed out the need of cooperation between patron and carrier, and urged a continued interlocking of methods to foster efficiency.

The major part of Mr. Waterfall's address was telling of his experiences in Europe, while abroad in the interest of bettering Detroit's traffic conditions. He vividly described conditions as he found them in the war zone, and without expressing an opinion as to the outcome, outlined some probable results.

Mr. Waterfall's address was an able close for a very successful annual meeting.

CELRITE GROCERY

PRICES FOR TWO WEEKS

Broken Macaroni, per lb..... 6c
Broken Rice, 6c, or 5 lbs..... 25c
Best Head Rice, 2 lbs..... 15c
2 lbs. Best Tapioca for..... 15c

FRESH FISH

Lake Trout, per lb..... 17c
Lake Perch, per lb..... 12c

2 lbs. Armour's Frankfurts..... 25c
Veribest Veal Loaf, per lb..... 18c
Swift's Minced Ham, per lb..... 15c
Dixie Bacon, per lb..... 20c
Best Bean Pork, per lb..... 13c

Large, Ripe Pineapples, each..... 10c

Good Dairy Butter, per lb..... 30c
Holland Brand Oleo, 2 lbs..... 35c
2 lbs. Fresh Ginger Snaps..... 15c
Fresh Mixed Cookies, per lb..... 10c
3 pkgs. Kellogg's or Post Toasties..... 25c
2 pkgs. Shredded Wheat..... 25c
Jellycon, any flavor, pkg..... 8c

Bushel Good Eating Potatoes (with \$1 order of other groceries)..... 80c

6 Small or 3 Tall Milk..... 25c
3 Cans Corn or Peas..... 25c
10 lbs. Graham Flour..... 33c
Sal Soda, per lb..... 2c
8 Bars Lenox Soap..... 25c
Three 10c Rolls Toilet Paper..... 15c
2 Cans Best Red Salmon..... 35c

Best Pink Salmon, per can..... 10c
3 Cans Hominy or Pumpkin..... 25c
Fancy Prunes, per lb. 10c, 3 lbs..... 25c
Fancy Apricots, per lb..... 12c
3 pkgs. 5c Matches for..... 10c
Pkg. Arm & Hammer Soda..... 7c
3 pkgs. Macaroni or Spaghetti..... 25c
Pure Codfish, per lb..... 15c
6 Bars Any Soap..... 25c

25 lbs. Pansy Blossom Flour (with \$1 order of other groceries)..... 72c

1-lb. pkg. Best Seeded Raisins..... 10c
2 Cans Best Sliced Pineapple..... 25c
2 Cans California Peaches..... 25c
2 Cans Pitted Red Cherries..... 25c
Pure Lard, per lb..... 16c
Cotosuet, per lb..... 15c
Lard Compound, per lb..... 15c
7 lbs. Rolled Oats for..... 25c
5 lbs. 25c Coffee (fresh roasted)..... \$1.00
5 lbs. 30c Coffee (fresh roasted)..... \$1.25
2 Bars Swift's Best Toilet Soap..... 5c
Two 10c Bars Palmolive Soap..... 15c
Eagle Brand Milk, per can..... 15c

Three 5c Cans Sunbrite Cleanser..... 10c

3 lbs. Fresh Crackers..... 25c
Gold Medal, Marvel, Fanchon and New Perfection Flour..... 95c
Crescent Flour..... 90c

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